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**NEW ROAD ENGINEERING TECHNIQUES
SLOWING DOWN CARS
IN HARTFORD NEIGHBORHOODS**

(November 16, 2005)--- Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez and the Department of Public Works are pleased to announce that improvements are being made to slow down drivers in five areas of the city. New speed tables and curb extensions (creating a shorter distance to cross the street) are being installed. The project is more than half done and is expected to be complete next spring.

Mayor Perez says, "This is a \$800,000 investment in safety. These speed tables and curb extensions will help drivers focus on the road and help keep families--- especially our children and our seniors--- out of harms away."

Traffic improvements are being made in the Rising Star Blocks of the following neighborhoods: Behind the Rocks, Blue Hills, Northeast, South End, and the West End. These Rising Star Blocks are part of a reinvestment strategy that gives a financial boost to neighborhoods that show great promise to retain and attract new homeowners.